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1 TENG AP INTERVIEW

TENG HSIAO-PING'S REMARKS ON SINO-U.S. RELATIONS TO THE AP DELEGATION LARGELY REITERATED STANDARD PRC VIEWS ON TAIWAN (AS WELL AS DETENTE), ALTHOUGH HIS COMMENT THAT THE CHINESE WOULDN'T RULE OUT PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE TAIWAN ISSUE IF THE U.S. DIDN'T INTERFERE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A SLIGHT NOD TOWARDS MODERATION. THE LOCAL PRC-CONTROLLED PRESS, WHICH HAD BEEN CONSPICUOUSLY QUIET AFTER THE SECRETARY'S VISIT (EXCEPT FOR ONE OPTIMISTIC COMMENTARY ABOUT CONTINUED TALKS IN THE "WEEKS AND MONTHS" AHEAD), QUICKLY FOLLOWED THE TENG LINE IN EDITORIAL COMMENT.

2. ANNIVERSARY OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S DEATH  
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BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. THREE DAYS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 9, THE ANNIVERSARY OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S DEATH, RED GUARDS WERE PLACING WREATHS AT THE FOOT OF HIS NEWLY COMPLETED MAUSOLEUM IN ANTICIPATION OF A MAJOR NATIONAL TRIBUTE. PRESS STORIES RELATE THE SPRUCING UP OF THE TIEN AN MEN REVIEWING STANDS WHERE CHINESE

LEADERS HAVE TRADITIONALLY ADDRESSED THE MASSES, SUGGESTING THAT CHAIRMAN HUA WILL TAKE PART IN SOME FURTHER PUBLIC HOMAGE TO MAO'S THOUGHT AND CONTRIBUTIONS. PEKING'S NEWSPAPERS ON SEPTEMBER 7 BEGAN TO PLAY COMMEMORATIVE ARTICLES. HOWEVER, AT LEAST ONE ARTICLE APPEARS TO BE GRINDING POLITICAL AXES OVER THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION'S PLACE IN CHINESE HISTORY.

3. NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
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PREPARATIONS ARE OPENLY UNDER WAY FOR CONVENING THE LONG-ANTICIPATED NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS, MASS MOBILIZATION MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD IN AT LEAST 19 PROVINCES AND IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL "WORK ORGANS" UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF PARTY COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT THE PROVINCIAL, MUNICIPAL, AND AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL LEVELS. RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES ARE ALSO MAKING PLANS. MUCH OF THIS ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY COULD WELL REMAIN IN PLACE AFTER THE CONFERENCE TO IMPROVE COORDINATION OF SCIENTIFIC WORK. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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